

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please replace the paragraph beginning with "As described previously . . ." on page 15-16 of the specification with the following paragraph:

As described previously, a liquid vehicle can be used to carry the pigment solids and the styrene-maleic anhydride, as well as other solids that may be present in the ink-jet ink compositions of the present invention. More specifically, the liquid vehicle can include water, and from 5 wt% to 35 wt% total organic solvent content, along with other optional liquid components. With respect to the total organic co-solvent content, co-solvents for use in the present invention include, but are not limited to, aliphatic alcohols, aromatic alcohols, diols, glycol ethers, poly(glycol) ethers, lactams, formamides, acetamides, long chain alcohols, ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, diethylene glycols, triethylene glycols, glycerine, dipropylene glycols, glycol butyl ethers, polyethylene glycols, polypropylene glycols, amides, ethers, carboxylic acids, esters, organosulfides, organosulfoxides, sulfones, alcohol derivatives, carbitol, butyl carbitol, cellosolve, ether derivatives, amino alcohols, and ketones. For example, co-solvents can include primary aliphatic alcohols of 30 carbons or less, primary aromatic alcohols of 30 carbons or less, secondary aliphatic alcohols of 30 carbons or less, secondary aromatic alcohols of 30 carbons or less, 1,2-diols of 30 carbons or less, 1,3-diols of 30 carbons or less, 1,5-diols of 30 carbons or less, ethylene glycol alkyl ethers, propylene glycol alkyl ethers, poly(ethylene glycol) alkyl ethers, higher homologs of poly(ethylene glycol) alkyl ethers, poly(propylene glycol) alkyl ethers, higher homologs of poly(propylene glycol) alkyl ethers, lactams, substituted formamides, unsubstituted formamides, substituted acetamides, and unsubstituted acetamides. Specific examples of co-solvents that are preferably employed in the practice of this invention include, but are not limited to, 1,5-pentanediol, 2-pyrrolidone, Liponic ethylene glycol 1, Liponic ethylene glycol 7, 2-methyl-2,4-pentanediol, 2-methyl-1,3-propanediol, 2-ethyl-2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-propanediol, diethylene glycol, 3-methoxybutanol, and 1,3-dimethyl-2-imidazolidinone. In one embodiment, the organic co-solvent content can include at least three of the following solvents: 1,5-pentanediol, ethoxylated glycerol, 1,2-pyrrolidinone, and 2-methyl-1,3-propanediol. Co-solvents can be added to reduce the rate of evaporation of

water in the ink to minimize clogging or other properties of the ink such as viscosity, pH, surface tension, optical density, and print quality.